

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1919–S1947

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 853–865, S.J. Res. 14, and S. Res. 120–121. **Page S1939**

Measures Reported:

S. 224, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 116–10)

S. 256, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages. (S. Rept. No. 116–11)

S. 380, to increase access to agency guidance documents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–12)

S. 394, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to improve the orderly transfer of the executive power during Presidential transitions, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–13)

S. 395, to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule. (S. Rept. No. 116–14)

S. 406, to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–15)

H.R. 504, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–16) **Pages S1938–39**

Measures Passed:

VA podiatrist grade and pay clarification: Senate passed S. 863, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the grade and pay of podiatrists of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S1942–43**

Bade Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1919–31**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 77 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 50), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1931**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 26, 2019; that following disposition of the nomination, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 8, recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal, with the time until 4 p.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture with respect to S.J. Res. 8, and H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, ripen at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. **Page S1943**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S1947**

Messages from the House: **Pages S1934–35**

Executive Communications: **Pages S1935–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1939–41**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1941–42**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1933–34**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—50) **Page S1931**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1943.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 1854–1867; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 53; and H. Res. 253–254 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 252, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 124) expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals (H. Rept. 116–19).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Lowenthal to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:02 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Venezuela Arms Restriction Act: H.R. 920, amended, to restrict the transfer of defense articles, defense services, and crime control articles to any element of the security forces of Venezuela that is under the authority of a government of Venezuela that is not recognized as the legitimate government of Venezuela by the Government of the United States;

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Humanitarian Assistance to the Venezuelan People Act of 2019: H.R. 854, amended, to provide humanitarian assistance to the Venezuelan people, including Venezuelan migrants and refugees in the Americas;

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Prioritizing the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage

countries in Central and Eastern Europe to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase Europe's energy security, and help the United States reach its global energy security goals: H.R. 1616, amended, to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Central and Eastern Europe to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase Europe's energy security, and help the United States reach its global energy security goals, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 391 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 126;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Europe and Eurasia to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase energy security in the region, and help the United States reach its global energy security goals, and for other purposes."

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Amending title XIX to extend protection for Medicaid recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment, establish a State Medicaid option to provide coordinated care to children with complex medical conditions through health homes, prevent the misclassification of drugs for purposes of the Medicaid drug rebate program: H.R. 1839, amended, to amend title XIX to extend protection for Medicaid recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment, establish a State Medicaid option to provide coordinated care to children with complex medical conditions through health homes, prevent the misclassification of drugs for purposes of the Medicaid drug rebate program; and

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Russian-Venezuelan Threat Mitigation Act: H.R. 1477, amended, to require a threat assessment and strategy to counter Russian influence in Venezuela, an assessment of foreign acquisition of CITGO assets in the United States.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:52 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H2780–81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 245, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress; and Committee Resolution 116–09, a Resolution to Approve Franked Mail Allowances for Committees for the 116th Congress. H. Res. 245 was ordered reported, without amendment. Committee Resolution 116–09 was agreed to.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT; EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO BANNING SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES BY OPENLY TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 7, the “Paycheck Fairness Act”; and H. Res. 124, expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 7, the Paycheck Fairness Act, and H. Res. 124, Expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals. Section 1 of the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 7 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–8, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amend-

ments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 provides for consideration of H. Res. 124, Expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Testimony was heard from airman Scott of Virginia, and Representatives Byrne, DeLauro, and Levin of Michigan.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D267)

S. 49, to designate the outstation of the Department of Veterans Affairs in North Ogden, Utah, as the Major Brent Taylor Vet Center Outstation. Signed on March 21, 2019. (Public Law 116–10)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity responsibilities of the defense industrial base, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Chairman’s housing reform outline, part I, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine small business perspectives on a federal data privacy framework, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security, Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and Courtney Dunbar Jones, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine United States policy toward North Korea after the second summit, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, to hold hearings to examine 5 years after the revolution, focusing on Ukraine's progress and Russia's activities, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine implementing the 21st Century Cures Act, focusing on making electronic health information available to patients and providers, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine red flag laws, focusing on guidelines for state action, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 and advanced appropriations requests for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Science Foundation, 9:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Education, 10:15 a.m., 2359-Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of the Interior, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the Reserve Components, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Member Day", 11 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, budget hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard, 1 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Member Day", 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Military Installations and BRAC Overview, 2:15 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Member Day", 2:30 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, oversight hearing on the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, 3 p.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Department of Health and Human Services FY 2020 Budget", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Protecting Workers' Right to Organize: The Need for Labor Law Reform", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services, hearing entitled "Strengthening Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect", 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on H.R. 1644, the "Save the Internet Act of 2019", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Administration of Disaster Recovery Funds in the Wake of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 389, the "Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Rewards Act"; H.R. 1500, the "Consumers First Act"; H.R. 1595, the "Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2019"; H.R. 1815, the "SEC Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act"; and legislation on Ending Homelessness Act of 2019, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hearing entitled "Understanding Odebrecht: Lessons for Combating Corruption in the Americas", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Proposed Small Arms Transfers: Big Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy", 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Looking Forward: U.S.—Africa Relations", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled "The Historic American Alliance with Europe", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations, hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security's Family Separation Policy: Perspectives from the Border", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 243, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit, respectively,

certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the actions of former Federal Bureau of Investigation Acting Director Andrew McCabe, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 1326, the “ACCESS Act”; H.R. 877, the “Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act”; H.R. 1809, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes; H.R. 737, the “Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2019”; H.R. 1305, the “Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act”; H.R. 1380, the “Big Cat Public Safety Act”; and H.R. 1568, the “SAVE Right Whales Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “The Need to Protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 745, the “Executive Branch Comprehensive Ethics Enforcement Act”; H.R. 964, the “Transition Team Ethics Improvement Act”; H.R. 1076, the “Fair Chance Act”; H.R. 1496, the “Presidential Allowance Modernization Act”; H.R. 1847, the “Inspector General Protection Act”; H.R. 540, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport, New York, as the “Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office”; H.R. 1198, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 South Boulder Highway in Henderson, Nevada, as the “Henderson Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 1449, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3033 203rd Street in Olympia Fields, Illinois, as the “Captain Robert L. Martin Post Office”; and S. 725, a bill to change the address of the postal facility designated in honor of Captain Humayun Khan, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, hearing entitled “Improving Data Security at Consumer Reporting Agencies”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Energy, joint hearing entitled “Revitalizing American Leadership in Advanced Manufacturing”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure, hearing entitled “Cleared for Take-off? Implementation of the Small Business Runway Extension Act”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Cost of Doing Nothing: Why Investment in our Nation’s Airports Matters”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Trade and Labor: Creating and Enforcing Rules to Benefit American Workers”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 26 through March 29, 2019

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Bridget S. Bade, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 8, Green New Deal, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution at 4 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: March 27, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD–192.

March 27, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Army, 10 a.m., SD–138.

March 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

March 27, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol, 3 p.m., SD–124.

March 28, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD–192.

March 28, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD–124.

March 28, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Food and Drug Administration, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 26, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

March 26, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity responsibilities of the defense industrial base, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

March 27, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

March 27, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine military space operations, policy, and programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Department of Energy's atomic energy defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 26, to hold hearings to examine Chairman's housing reform outline, part I, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Chairman's housing reform outline, part II, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: March 27, business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2020, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

March 28, Full Committee, business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2020, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 26, Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine small business perspectives on a federal data privacy framework, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine our blue economy, focusing on successes and opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

March 27, Subcommittee on Aviation and Space, to hold hearings to examine the state of airline safety, focusing on Federal oversight of commercial aviation, 3 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 27, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine the Colorado River drought contingency plan, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 28, to hold hearings to examine the Federal response to the risks associated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 26, business meeting to consider the nominations of Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security, Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and Courtney Dunbar Jones, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 26, Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine United States policy toward North Korea after the second summit, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 26, Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, to hold hearings to examine 5 years after the revolution, focusing on Ukraine's progress and Russia's activities, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Destro, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Keith Krach, of California, to be an Under Secretary (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment), to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and David Stilwell, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary (East Asian and Pacific Affairs), all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 26, to hold hearings to examine implementing the 21st Century Cures Act, focusing on making electronic health information available to patients and providers, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 26, to hold hearings to examine red flag laws, focusing on guidelines for state action, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Daniel P. Collins, and Kenneth Kiyul Lee, both of California, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, James Wesley Hendrix, and Mark T. Pittman, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Sean D. Jordan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Wing Chau, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, and Ramona L. Dohman, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: March 27, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Smithsonian Institution, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 27, business meeting to consider S. 771, to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, S. 772, to require an annual report on the cybersecurity of the Small Business Administration, and an original bill to repeal the sunset for collateral requirements for Small Business Administration disaster loans, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 26, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 and advanced appropriations requests for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 27, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, budget hearing on the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, 9:45 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 10:15 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 27, Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, budget hearing on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 10:30 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “USDA’s Proposed Relocation of the Economic Research Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture”, 11 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, 11 a.m., H–405 Capitol.

March 27, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 1 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled “Public Witness Hearing”, 1:30 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2:30 p.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the National Reconnaissance Office, 3 p.m., H–405 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

March 28, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service, 10 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in the Indo-Pacific”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Reserve Component Duty Status Reform”, 4 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for Department of Defense Science and Technology Programs: Maintaining a Robust Ecosystem for our Technological Edge”, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “FY20 Priorities for Department of Defense Nuclear Activities”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of Defense’s Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, March 27, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, hearing entitled “Innovations in Expanding Registered Apprenticeship Programs”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 27, Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 1781, the “Payment Commission Data Act of 2019”; H.R. 938, the “BLOCKING Act of 2019”; H.R. 1520, the “Purple Book Continuity Act of 2019”; H.R. 1503, the “Orange Book Transparency Act of 2019”; H.R. 1499, the “Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act of 2019”; H.R. 965, the “CREATES Act of 2019”; H.R. 1385, the “SAVE Act”; H.R. 1386, the “ENROLL Act of 2019”; H.R. 1425, the “State Health Care Premium Reduction Act”; H.R. 987, the “MORE Health Education Act”; H.R. 986, the “Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019”; and H.R. 1010, a bill to provide that the rule entitled “Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance” shall have no force or effect, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 27, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled “Making Sanctions Effective: The Case of North Korea”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The State Department’s Foreign Policy Strategy and FY20 Budget Request”, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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10 a.m., Tuesday, March 26

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Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Bridget S. Bade, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 8, Green New Deal, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution at 4 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 26

House Chamber

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